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News

History Was Made Here: The New Castle Green

Town commons was laid out by the Dutch in the 1650s.

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Aerial view of the New Castle Green. In the foreground is the New Castle Court House Museum, followed counterclockwise by the Arsenal, Immanuel Episcopal Church and the Academy. Photo by Bruce Burk.

Division to sponsor 17 free programs during October 2016

William Penn Day, a murder mystery and lantern tours among the events to be presented.

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Employees and volunteers recognized at division all-staff meeting

Sept. 19, 2016 event celebrated the agency's achievements and plans for the future.

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Help Save Delaware History

Preservation50 Statewide Discussion

Event to take place on Oct. 1, 2016 at the Dover Public Library.

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Celebration to bring Preservation50 to a close

Event to take place on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 in Smyrna.

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Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation to meet on Oct. 19, 2016

Meeting to include review of two nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

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Parking lot may replace historic Wilmington homes

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—Sep 22, 2016

Nursing home needs additional space.

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Historic Read House recipient of \$300,000 federal cultural heritage grant

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Sept. 20, 2016

Funds will help maintain the property.

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Civil War Colored Troops graves uncovered, preserved in historic cemetery

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Sept. 15, 2016

Burial place is located near Delaware City.

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Grants for historic preservation

National Park Service now accepting applications for African American Civil Rights Grants.

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“Preserving Our Past for a Better Future: Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2013–2017”

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware's preservation community.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related article have recently appeared in the media:

[Bike ride links riverside towns](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Sept. 22, 2016

New Castle and Delaware City showcased in River Towns Ride and Festival.

[Old New Castle doing work to make itself more visitor friendly](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.—Sept. 2, 2016

Article notes increased visitation to historic town.

Events

Saturday, Oct. 1

[The Birth and Re-Birth of a State House](#) – The Old State House

[Music of the World](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Preservation 50 Statewide Discussion](#) – Dover Public Library

[River Towns Ride and Festival](#) – New Castle and Delaware City

Wednesday, Oct. 5

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Friday, Oct. 7

[Preservation50 Historic Preservation Celebration: Past, Present and Future](#) – Painted Stave Distillery

Fridays, Oct. 7, 14 and 28

[Photo Fridays](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Oct. 8

[A Day in the Life of the John Dickinson Plantation](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Sunday, Oct. 9

[Currents Reading](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Monday, Oct. 10

[Columbus Day](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum and The Old State House will be open

Wednesday, Oct. 12

[1781 Surrender: End of War](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, Oct. 15

[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

[The French Soldiers in the Yorktown Campaign](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, Oct. 16

[People Power: Saving the Hale Byrnes House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Wednesday, Oct. 19

[Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation meeting](#) – The Old State House

Friday, Oct. 21

[Lantern Tours of the Plantation](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Oct. 22

[William Penn Day](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Distilling in Delaware](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Wednesday, Oct. 26

[The Spirit of New Castle Past](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, Oct. 29

[Mysteries of History](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Who Done It: A Historic Murder Mystery](#) – The Old State House

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Thru Jan. 28, 2017

[Wine and Spirits in Delaware: Producing, Preserving, and Presenting](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Thru August 2017

[World War II Through the Lens of William D. Willis](#) – Middletown Historical Society

Ongoing

[Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation



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